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/ Cross-border operations against Pakistan have been a major escalation this summer. After a respite from January to August, the Soviets made eight air and artillery strikes in a 10-day period into Pakistan in mid-August. These raids killed over 60 Pakistanis and Afghans. Forces brought to the border area were initially to support the Paktia Province offensive. The attacks were undoubtedly intended to pressure Pakistan into reducing its support to the insurgents. The time of these attacks is noteworthy, coming on the eve of the third round of the UN-sponsored negotiations on Afghanistan that began on 24 August. Although a limited ground incursion remains unlikely, more cross-border air and artillery attacks can be expected.